| States | Approved Outlay Environment & Forestry | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | 1997-98 | 1998-99 | 1999-2000 |
| Orissa | 2030.00 | 2356.00 | 2977.00 |
| Punjab | 806.00 | 5383.00 | 6866.00 |
| Rajasthan | 9421.00 | 11868.00 | 16435.00 |
| Sikkim | 425.00 | 485.00 | 550.00 |
| Tamil Nadu | 9487.00 | 12528.00 | 12118.00 |
| Tripura | 446.00 | 398.00 | 341.00 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 10840.00 | 13040.00 | 13201.00 |
| West Bengal | 3595.00 | 4511.00 | 4409.00 |
| **UNION TERRITORIES** | | | |
| A&N Islands | 800.00 | 972.00 | 1100.00 |
| Chandigarh | 80.00 | 210.75 | 331.00 |
| Dadra & Nagar Haveli | 259.75 | 229.10 | 211.00 |
| Daman & Diu | 37.00 | 38.00 | 24.00 |
| Delhi | 302.00 | 500.00 | 1000.00 |
| Lakshadweep | 0.00 | 36.00 | 23.00 |
| Pondicherry | 108.00 | 108.00 | 108.00 |

**Sale of Forest Land in Maharashtra**

3874. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that forest land was sold by Forest Department Personnel, by making fraudulent documents, in Panvel-Neral taluka of Raigad District in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, what measures Government have adopted in protecting this land from such frauds;

(c) whether any other Central Government forest lands are involved in such fraud; and

(d) if so, the location-wise details thereof and the action taken or proposed against Central and State Government employees?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) The Maharashtra Government has informed that a Committee comprising of Commissioner Konkan Division, New Bombay and Chief Conservator of Forests (Development), Maharashtra was appointed on 20.9.1997 to inquire into anomalies pertaining to private areas acquired under the provisions of the Maharashtra Private Forests (Acquisition) Act, 1975 in District Raigad. This Committee has submitted its report to the State Government with the details of irregularities committed, which has been accepted by the State Government on 25.10.1999 with a direction to initiate disciplinary proceedings against the erring staff/ officials of the Revenue and Forest Department, for the violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

(b) All the forest lands are owned by the respective State Governments and the Central Government does not own any forest land.

(c) Does not arise.

**Delhi as environment friendly city**

3875. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per a recent press report, the Minister of Health and Environment said, Delhi will soon become a cleaner, greener and more friendly city to live in; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the plan and time frame to achieve this?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.